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**A**LABAMA is blessed with rich natural resources. The state's 22 million acres of forestland is one of our greatest assets. These forests provide clean air, homes for wildlife and many economic benefits. The well-being of these forests hinges on private landowners who manage their property wisely.

I'm proud of our many state agencies who are assisting landowners to manage their forestland for this and future generations. This publication is one way the Alabama Forestry Commission keeps landowners informed about good forestry practices. The Forestry Commission also has personnel in every county in the state who are available to assist local landowners with forest management.

The Department of Conservation's wildlife biologists are also key players in assisting forest landowners. The department's new television program, "Outdoor Alabama," as well as their publication of the same name, are helping to inform many about our state's wonderful outdoor recreational opportunities.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the private forest landowners who, with the assistance of organizations like the Forestry Commission and the Department of Conservation, are working to keep Alabama's forests healthy and productive. Keep up the good work!

**I**F you're an outdoor enthusiast like me, you'll want to be sure and tune in to a new television show being produced by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. "Outdoor Alabama" is broadcast three times each week on Alabama Public Television: Sunday nights at 7 p.m., Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. Funding to make the series possible comes from the Alabama Power Company, ALFA Insurance and UNOCAL.

Each show will feature segments on wildlife management, environmental topics, and many different kinds of outdoor recreation. In addition to hunting and fishing, other activities such as boating, camping, hiking, mountain climbing, and wildlife watching will be highlighted. These shows also feature programs developed by the Conservation Department to improve wildlife habitat and enhance the state's natural resources.

Some of Alabama's TREASURE Forest landowners will also be featured during the program. Viewers will see several past Helene Mosley winners on upcoming shows. This is one more way that the concept of responsible forest stewardship can be passed on to future generations.

I'm glad that Conservation Commissioner Riley Boykin Smith has taken the initiative to produce this program. It's something that has been needed for a long time. "Outdoor Alabama" now joins "Discovering Alabama" on the Public Television lineup. Both of these shows feature Alabama at its best. I encourage you to watch and support these shows.